

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Gary R. Viken was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and moved with his family to Huron, South Dakota, as a young child; and,

*Whereas*, Gary received his education from first grade through high school in the Huron school system before graduating from Huron College with a degree in Economics. He later attended Mankato State University in Mankato, Minnesota, receiving his MBA; and,

*Whereas*, Gary served his country admirably as a member of the United States Army from 1967 to 1969; and,

*Whereas*, Gary married his lovely wife, Jeanne, on October 14, 1967, and was blessed with two beautiful daughters, Andrea and Kristin, who in turn presented him with three amazing granddaughters, Anna, Olivia and Serena; and,

*Whereas*, Gary began his professional career as an educator, teaching at the University of Wisconsin Business School; and,

*Whereas*, In 1972, Gary began a 23-year career with the Department of Social Services, and in 1995, Gary became the Secretary of the Department of Revenue; and,

*Whereas*, Gary has proudly represented the state of South Dakota as a Bush Fellowship Recipient, past president of the Federation of Tax Administrators and past president of the Midwestern States Association of Tax Administrators; and,

*Whereas*, Gary has devoted 34 years of service to the state of South Dakota, sharing his insights, knowledge, experience and guidance; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize Gary's contributions to the state of South Dakota during his many years of employment with state government:

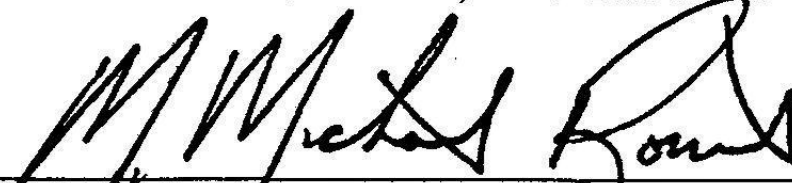
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 22, 2006, as

### *GARY R. VIKEN DAY*


in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends and colleagues in offering our congratulations to him.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State